

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A medium for the detection and/or identification of a *Candida* yeast, the medium comprising: a chromogen; carbohydrate in the range 1-5gms/litre; and an alcohol; the medium being such that growth of the *Candida* yeast under appropriate conditions results in hydrolysis of the chromogen to generate a chromophore of a derived colour which is a different colour from that generated by hydrolysis of the chromogen in a standard medium comprising the same chromogen and carbohydrate, in the same concentrations, but without alcohol which is essentially lacking an alcohol but otherwise identical to the medium of the invention.
2. (Original) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the chromogen is hydrolysed in the presence of *C. albicans* to give a chromophore with a derived colour.
3. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1 ~~or 2, comprising~~ comprising wherein the carbohydrate is present in an amount in the range 2-4gms/litre.
4. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2, or 3~~ claim 3, wherein the carbohydrate comprises ~~comprising~~ glucose.
5. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate comprises ~~comprising~~ malt extract.
6. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the alcohol is present in an amount ~~comprising an alcohol~~ in the range 1-10mls/l.
7. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 6, ~~comprising an~~ wherein the alcohol is present in an amount in the range 2-8mls/l.
8. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 7, ~~wherein~~ comprising an the alcohol is present in an amount in the range 5-7mls/l.

9. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the alcohol comprises comprising ethanol.
10. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the chromogen comprises comprising 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl N-acetyl  $\beta$ -D-glucosaminide or 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate *p* toluidine salt or 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indolyl N-acetyl  $\beta$ -D-glucosaminide or X-Gal NAc (wherein Gal is galactose, NAc is an N-acetyl group and X is a chromophore) or 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate *p* toluidine salt or 6-chloro-3-indoxyl-phosphate.
11. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, further comprising one or more of the following: malic acid; peptones; and  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ .
12. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting and/or identifying a *Candida* yeast in a sample, the method comprising the steps of: contacting the sample with a medium in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1; incubating the medium, under appropriate conditions, to allow growth of the *Candida* yeast; and detecting the presence of a chromophore having a derived colour indicative of the presence of the *Candida* yeast.
13. (Original) A method of detecting and/or identifying *C. albicans* in accordance with claim 12.
14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the medium is incubated at a temperature in the range 30-37°C for ~~at least 24~~ no more than 36 hours.
15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein the medium is incubated at a temperature in the range 30-35°C for ~~at least 24~~ no more than 24 hours.
16. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 12-15~~ claim 15, which distinguishes between *C. albicans*, *C. tropicalis* and *C. krusei*.

17-18 (Canceled).

19. (New) A medium in accordance with claim 1, wherein the alcohol includes at least about 85 percent by weight ethanol.
20. (New) A medium in accordance with claim 1, wherein the medium lacks a hexosaminide activator.